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- 1. This is in response to a request for an explanation as to the circumstances surrounding the loss of the stamp.
- 2. It is most important to point out that I did not consider the single stamp of significant importance. It was my understanding that only the block of stamps would be of value. Consequently, I never put the stamp in a safe and special place. To the best of my recollection it was kept on my desk.
- 3. I gave no thought to the stamp until I became aware of various articles regarding the value of the stamp in late 1986. I then made a very thorough search of my room and could not locate the stamp. Since that time, in the routine of cleaning my room, I have continued the search in vain. Last week, in answer to your request, my parents and I did an exhaustive search of all of my belongings. This included examining books, papers, games, magazines, clothing, etc. The results again were negative.
- 4. I am now thoroughly convinced that the stamp is lost. The most probable explanation I can give is this: From time I thoroughly clean my room and in the process I dispose of old papers, old school books, magazines, scrap paper, etc. I did this several times during the period when the stamp was of little interest. Therefore, it is possible that the stamp was inadvertently thrown out with my trash.
- 5. It is, therefore, my belief, as well as that of my parents who assisted in my search, that the stamp is lost. My parents concur and have signed below.

